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STRONG ULTIMATUM TO HANKOW.

Sent in Names of Chiang and Feng Jointly

COMMUNISTS WHO MUST TAKE A 'HOLIDAY.'

Sun Fo and Borodin Among The Unwanted.

RUSSIAN GENERAL REPORTED TO BE ARMING PICKETS TO RESIST.

Questions in Parliament Regarding British Forces In China.

The ultimatum sent to the Hankow Government demanding the dismissal of the Reds, the closing of labour unions and the disbanding of propaganda organisations appears to have been sent in the names of General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang jointly.

The Note suggests that the Reds should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe, and among those named in this connection are Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and Comrade Borodin, the notorious Russian adviser of the Hankow Government.

General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are evidently prepared to enforce their demands by marching against Hankow — movements of troops are already reported — and the Russian General Gallen is said to be arming pickets to put up a fight.

Questions were asked in Parliament yesterday regarding the British forces in Hong Kong and China. The Secretary for War said that no Reservist would be retained for service beyond a year unless he so volunteered.

REDS MUST GO.

The Ultimatum By Chiang and Feng.

Hankow, June 28. The ultimatum which was sent to Wuhan was in the joint names of Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang.

The Note contained the suggestion that the following, among

Shansi headquarters and interviewed Yen Shek-sen, presumably with a view to arranging an alliance between the Fengtien and Shansi forces. So far as is known, Yen has made no definite reply. — "Hong Kong Evening Post."

A NEW ALLY.

Chiang Also In Touch With Chang?

Shanghai, June 29. The following are staying at the Burlington Hotel: There is reason to believe that their presence is connected with the negotiations between Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Tsao-lin:

Gen. Lee Sung-woo, emissary from Chang Sung-chung;

Lee Sz-hao, ex-Minister of Finance;

Sung Hou-chai, chief of the Wine and Tobacco Monopoly;

Wong Wen-pah, manager of the Central Bank;

Gen. Pei-Pao-shan. — Reuter.

FORCES IN CHINA.

Question In The House of Commons.



Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and a former Mayor of Canton, who is one of the Hankow Reds. General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are demanding should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe.

Others should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe.

Tan Yen-kai, Tang Seng-chi, Wang Ching-wei and Sun Fo.

The departure of Borodin from Hankow is also demanded. General Gallen, the military adviser to Borodin, is reported to be arming pickets to put up a fight in the event of Chiang and Feng putting into operation their threat of measures against Hankow. — British Naval Wireless.

Advance Up River?

Chinkiang, June 28. Two China Merchants steamers have arrived and junks have been commandeered, apparently for conveyance of troops up river. — British Naval Wireless.

Fukien Party's Plans.

Peking, June 28. The new Fukien party, it is reported, have arranged their plans. They are to try and stop the fighting along the Peking-Hankow Railway line, with Marshal Chang Tsao-lin still as their leader, and they intend to follow the three people's principles of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Generals Chang Hui-liang and Yang U-seng are to be elected to look after military affairs. — Reuter.

Overtures for Alliance.

General U Kwok-hon, said to be a representative of Marshal Chang Tsao-lin, has arrived at the

Position of A Reservists.

London, June 28. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour), Sir L. Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, said the object of the local military authorities in enquiring whether any section of the A Reservists now in China would volunteer to remain in Army service, should occasion arise, was to ascertain what relief would be required to take their places.

The contract with the Reservists would be carried out strictly, as no Reservist would be

retained for service beyond a year unless he so volunteered.

Replies to a supplementary question, Sir L. Worthington Evans said he hoped to give them their discharge within a year. — Reuter.

RAISING THE WIND.

COLONIAL RESEARCH.

Important Committee Appointed.

SCHEME FOR COMMON POOL.

London, June 28.

In accordance with the Colonial Conference's recommendation a committee has been appointed comprising Lord Kitchener (Chairman), Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore, Under Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Arthur Salter, Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, Mr. Ambrose Stanton, M.D., Chief Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office, Major Ralph Furze, Private Secretary to the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. A. W. Hill, Botanic Gardens, Mr. F. Engledow, School of Agriculture, Cambridge, Mr. O. G. R. Williams, Assistant Secretary, Colonial Office, Sir John Farmer, Professor of Botany and Director of the Biological Laboratory.

OVER EIGHTY DEATHS.

Death Sentence On a Koltchak's Ex-Officer.

Moscow, June 18.

The Viatka Provincial Court has passed sentence of death on Lieutenant Malin, an ex-officer of Koltchak's force, who is accused of having ordered the shooting of over eighty people.

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Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 30th NOVEMBER, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 30th November, 1927.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 10th June, 1927.

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"That the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. H. R. CLELAND, C.A., or Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews be, and is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

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A YEAR'S EXPERIMENTS REVIEWED.

COMING ANNUAL MEETING.

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During the year the Society's activities have mainly been directed towards the broadcasting of concerts, etc., not only with the object of providing radio entertainment for members, but also as an attempt to show that there is scope for broadcasting in the Colony. It was not the Society's intention to strive to perfect a broadcasting organisation, but merely to do a certain amount of experimental work in the hope that sufficient interest would be aroused locally to warrant the organisation of a broadcasting service by others whose scope was not limited like that of the Radio Society.

Experimental transmissions were carried out more or less regularly from July, 1926, and the Committee believes that these, while purely experimental, have had an influence for good on radio generally in Hong Kong. The work of the Society was hampered by the fact that with only a comparatively small membership sufficient funds were not forthcoming from entrance fees and subscriptions to enable needed apparatus to be procured. Transmitter Sold.

Towards the end of the year the Society found itself with insufficient valves to enable transmissions to be continued and the replacing of the old, worn out valves left the Society indebted to a member who defrayed part of the cost on the understanding that the Society would acknowledge the debt when it had sufficient funds. With this liability, the Committee had no alternative but to dispose of the transmitter in the knowledge that it would remain in the Colony at least for some time and that it would most likely be used for broadcasting purposes by others.

Broadcasting Expenditure.

It will be seen that the Society now has a balance of \$208.40. The expenditure on broadcasting has been itemised in order to give members an accurate idea of how same has been incurred.

The item of \$68.40, for aerial equipment would be an asset to the Society if transmissions were still being made. The three items, modulation transformer, (\$15), magnetic modulator, (\$25) and radiotron ammeter, (\$10), were not included with the transmitter when same was purchased but were sold with the transmitter and are therefore included in expenditure instead of as an asset.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to the "South China Morning Post," Ltd. for placing a room at the disposal of the Society for meeting and broadcasting purposes during the year; to Messrs. Moutrie for the loan of gramophone records; to the many artists who gave their voluntary services at broadcast concerts, and to all those who during the year have assisted the Society in many ways.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, at 5.30 p.m. at the "Morning Post" Building.

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SUIT BY LANDLORD.

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None of the electric current bills had been paid, it was stated, during nearly six months tenancy. There was nothing in the tenancy agreement about electric light and the understanding, it was claimed, had been arrived at verbally.

The defence was that the electric current charges had increased tremendously in the last three months, from an average of less than \$5 a month to over \$40 a month, and these payments, which it was claimed could not be correct, had been paid by plaintiff without defendant's permission or agreement. It was suggested that there must have been a leakage in current somewhere and that this should have been enquired into first.

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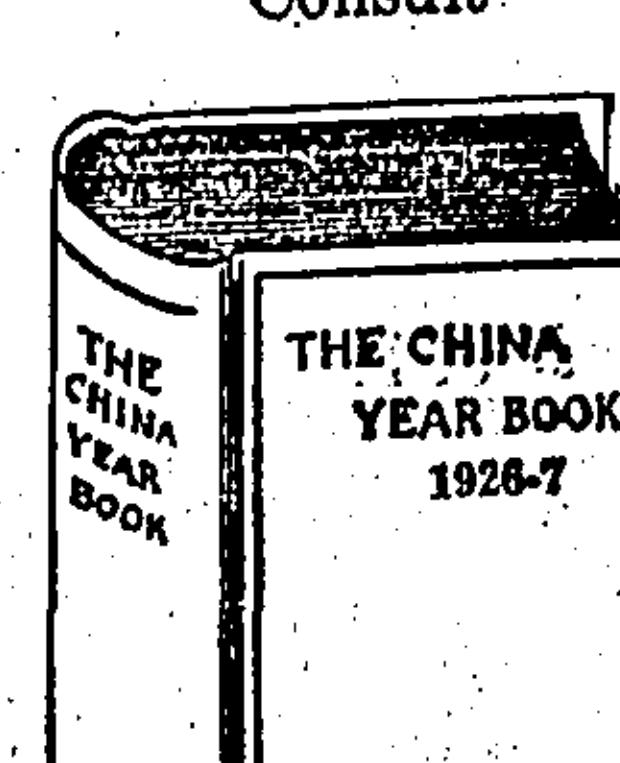
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LOCKED GRILLES.

"Leung Kwong" Disaster Inquiry.

HARBOUR MASTER'S EVIDENCE.

Interesting expert evidence was given by the Harbour Master, Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., and Mr. W. Russell, Senior Government Marine Surveyor at yesterday afternoon's resumption of the "Leung Kwong" Inquiry at the Central Magistrate.

Mr. Russell said that prior to the 1914 regulations grilles were fitted to the lower decks of river steamers to prevent third class passengers from going into the second class compartment. There were no regulations with regard to grilles over cargo ports, and grilles were not required to be fitted in cargo ships. The 1914 Anti-Piracy Regulations provided for the lower deck grilles to be locked when the ships were under way, in addition to other devices. There was no regulation with regard to lower deck grilles in the 1924 Anti-Piracy Regulations, and no ship could be forced to have one. The 1924 regulations the witness considered were incompatible with the 1914 regulations. If the witness had been in charge he would not have had the lower grille locked. In fact, he would have had them removed, and certainly would not have issued passenger certificates to ships having these grilles. The grilles in the witness' opinion, endangered lives in the case of emergency.

Five Seconds To Act.

Lieut.-Comdr. Hole said that he assumed duty as Harbour Master on July 24, 1924. Asked to give his opinion as a navigator with regard to the collision between the "Leung Kwong" and the "Moonshine," the witness first dealt with the angle of 10 points?—Yes.

Dealing with the procedure followed in issuing passengers' certificates to ships he said that the Government Marine Surveyor would report to him that a ship had car-

ried out the provisions of law (The Merchant Shipping Act) and then he (the Harbour Master) would forward the certificate to H.E. the Governor to be signed. These certificates were required to be held by all ships carrying passengers in and out of Hong Kong, unless a ship possessed a certificate of equal value from another Colony or any foreign country.

Replying to the Coroner, Commander Hole said that there was no age limit for masters or officers of ships, neither here nor anywhere else that the witness knew of.

A Captain's Age.

Asked if in his opinion he considered a man of 78 like Captain Wilson of the "Leung Kwong" was a fit person to have charge of a ship carrying as many as 500 passengers, the Harbour Master said that that was a very delicate question to answer. Under present regulations, he said, Captain Wilson was considered a fit person, but speaking personally, if the witness had been the owner of the ship he would have hesitated to employ the Captain.

Answering another question the witness said that he most certainly thought it the duty of a master to be on the bridge of his ship while passing such a dangerous place as Capsicum Pass. Speaking as a seaman, the witness said that the life saving facilities on board the ship was not adequate, but under the local ordinance it was. The Board of Trade would not have issued a certificate to a ship with such inadequate appliances. He

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LOCKED GRILLES.

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did not know anywhere else, that would:

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Asked why then Hong Kong should be satisfied, the witness said that the only explanation was the nature of the passenger trade in Hong Kong, the like of which he had never seen anywhere else before. If the Hong Kong Government stuck to the Board of Trade regulations, ships would be able to carry only 25 to 30 per cent of the number of passengers they carried now. The B.O.T. regulations, the witness said, was boats for all. In the witness' opinion local river boats carry lifesaving appliances for only 5 or 10 per cent of passengers they carry.

The Coroner asked if in view of the fact that tickets were not sold until the ship was actually under way there might not be a breach of the regulation as to the number of passengers a ship was allowed to carry, the witness replied that that might be so. In fact, however, this was not found so. The only time there was any overloading was during the exodus from the Colony just after the general strike of 1925. If machinery were invented to check passengers on ships the witness thought that would considerably delay shipping to the extent of one or one and a half hour each trip.

A single hatchway the witness thought was not sufficient means of exit for passengers during an emergency. The "Leung Kwong" the witness said, must have complied with the law as it stood to obtain a certificate.

Locking of Grilles.

With regard to the grilles over the ladders between the second and third class compartments the witness said that these should never have been there, and if they were there they certainly should never have been locked. After the "Sui An" piracy, the witness explained, in March 1924 regulations were brought into force to protect the bridge only, and abandoned the segregation of passengers of one from another. After the meeting of the committee of investigation held since the regulations of March 1924, it had been impressed on all masters that grilles were not to be locked, and grilles were not to be closed unless the cargo ports were left open. Unfortunately owing to the lack of staff only a percentage of ships had been dealt with, and the "Leung Kwong" was not so dealt with.

In the witness' opinion grilles constituted a very, very dangerous danger to passengers, forming a veritable death trap.

Questioned as to how the "Leung Kwong's" certificate showed that she had complied with the Anti-Piracy Regulations satisfactorily, the Harbour Master said that that only referred to the grilles on the upper deck. He could not imagine that Mr. Taylor could have gone down to inspect the lower decks. All passenger certificates were submitted to the witness for O.K.

The Inspecting of Ships.

Asked how it was that no comment had been made on the lower grilles before issuing the certificate, the witness explained that the committee was then in the course of going the round of all the ships, and existing fittings were allowed to remain pending the inspection. This had the effect of not holding up ships. The witness admitted that there had been no definite instructions given for the removal of these grilles. When the committee came across them they were allowed to remain under certain conditions. They were not removed so as not to cause inconvenience to the movements of ships. Ships were visited by Harbour Office officials once in six months or once a year according to the length of time their certificates were issued for. Between they were visited at irregular intervals as occasion arose. To retain a passenger's certificate had to be surveyed once a year.

Personally with regard to ships like the "Leung Kwong" the Harbour Master advocated full compliance with the B.O.T. regulations, but in view of present conditions to effect these changes forthwith would affect shipping to a great extent. The B.O.T. regulations should be applied in time, and they should be enforced gradually.

By the jury: Ocean-going vessels come under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance. It required appliances to be provided for every man on board.

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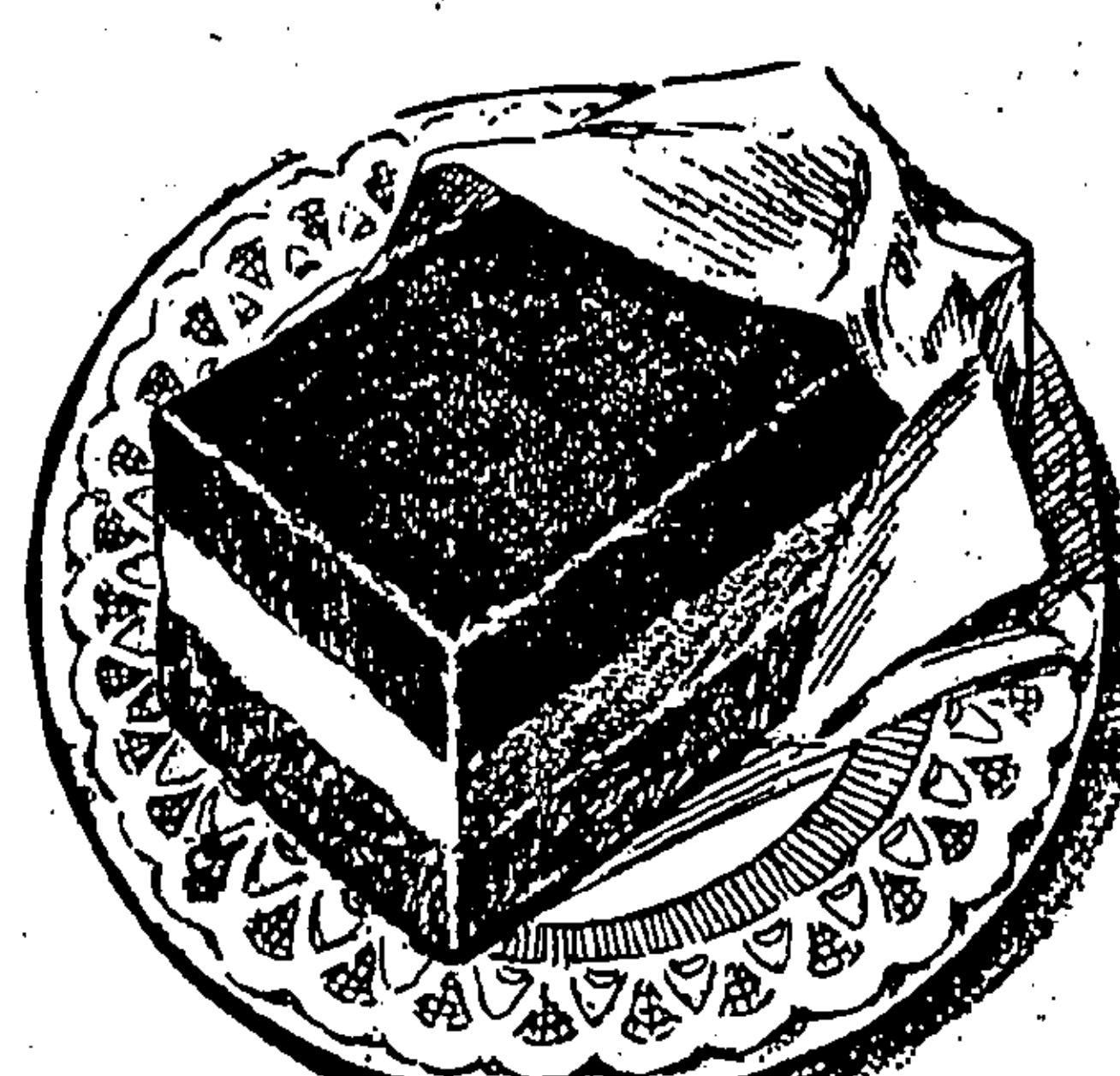
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COLONIAL INTERESTS.

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For example, the Conference warmly approved the principle of frequent interchange of officers between the Colonial Office and the various Colonial Services. Such an arrangement, it is thought, would conduce to a closer co-operation between Colonial Governments and the Colonial Office, and ensure better and more sympathetic understanding by the latter of local conditions overseas and of the problems and difficulties confronting Colonial Administrations. Although not exactly an analogy it may be recalled that when Sir John Anderson went from the Colonial Office to the Straits Settlements as Governor quite a new atmosphere was created in the treatment by the Colonial Office of questions affecting British Malaya. Straits problems were dealt with at Home in a more statesmanlike manner than ever before. A better understanding was effected all round. Similarly, an interchange of officers between Hong Kong, say, and the Colonial Office, even although it did not affect the high position of Governor, could not but result in our local problems and difficulties being better appreciated in Downing Street, as naturally they would be viewed from an entirely different angle, leading to actual instead of theoretical co-operation and co-ordination.

Another statement in the summarised report of the Conference seems to call for some comment:

to work on. The case at once lost its mystery, and an arrest of a suspected person has already been accomplished. There is a moral for Malaya here. The local Press is always willing and anxious to aid the police in the hunting down of those who take the law into their own hands for the purpose of criminally injuring society and there is some doubt as to whether the local police always take the fullest advantage of this fact.

The newspapers in Hong Kong are not less willing and anxious to aid the police in running criminals to earth, but for the most part, it is to be feared, their help is regarded with distrust. Scotland Yard has at last awakened in this respect. Is it too much to ask that Hong Kong will follow its example?

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As all three accused admitted fighting, it was not brought out how the hawker came by his injury.

The Magistrate fined the men \$10 each and bound them over in the sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

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Crime and the Press.

Hong Kong, which has many problems in common with the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, where there is the same form of administration, will find the following paragraph from a recent issue of the "Straits Times" of some interest:—

Home police activity in the now notorious Charing Cross trunk murder case has been very notable. We believe we are quite accurate when we state that never before in the history of Scotland Yard, have the police taken the Press into confidence at the outset of their investigations into a baffling case. Usually it has been the custom of Scotland Yard to start hunting a criminal until completely baffled and then to seek Press assistance. In the Charing Cross case, however, the police called on the Press at the outset of investigations. The result was that nearly every leading daily in the United Kingdom published details of such information as Scotland Yard had at its disposal, and also reproduced photographs of certain important material clues. This wide advertisement brought to Scotland Yard so much information from private individuals as to give the detectives a sound base to the police.

In returning a verdict of death through concussion of the brain, the Coroner added a rider to the effect that the doctor should have satisfied himself of the actual cause of death before issuing a certificate. The doctor should also have communicated the girl's death to the police.

HONG KONG FERNS.

THE COLONY'S 124 DIFFERENT SPECIES.

A USEFUL LITTLE VOLUME.

This little book opens up an almost unexplored field in the flora of the Island. The amateur gardener at home makes his rocky, assiduously, gathering all the different species of ferns found in the British Isles. And what do they all amount to? Thirty-seven different species!

Then, think of Hong Kong. Here on this little Island we have, according to Mr. Gibbs, no less than 124 different species. Indeed, Hong Kong may be counted as a veritable fern-lovers' paradise. And to this almost unexplored paradise Mr. Gibbs has given us a short introduction in a handy little volume of about 90 pages.

The outline illustrations are drawn with wonderful skill and accuracy. Any one with the least taste for plants will be able to identify the different species from these figures. No less than forty-two different species are figured.

The letter-press, as a general rule, is confined to a very brief description, often pointing out some special characteristic by which the species may be identified.

In a few cases Mr. Gibbs allows himself the freedom of a remark such as this:—"If you are in want of a piece of string when out for a walk among the hills you will find its rachis (of "Lygodium Japonicum") a very useful substitute."

Books on the natural history of the Colony are so badly needed—books on its flowers, insects, beasts, birds, rocks, and shells—that we welcome specially this introduction.

It is for sale at a ridiculously low price—\$2.50. We hope that at no distant date the author will follow it up by another similar work on the less common ferns of the Colony.

Common Hong Kong Ferns by L. Gibbs, Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., \$2.50.

A PICKPOCKET.

POVERTY AS AN EXCUSE FOR CRIME.

While a Chinese was buying some cigarettes at a stall in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon, a pickpocket came up behind him and relieved him of \$55 in notes which was lying loose in a roll in a lower coat pocket. A district watchman saw the thief and immediately grabbed the pickpocket who dropped the notes into the side channel. Here they were recovered by the watchman.

When the accused was charged before Major C. Willson this morning he admitted the theft, but said he did not know the amount of the money he had taken from the complainant's pocket. He excused his act by saying that he was driven to it by poverty.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

RAN INTO ROAD.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTORIST.

Mr. A. L. S. Read, residing at No. 351 Nathan Road, Kowloon, reports that while he was driving his motor cycle along Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, a 12-year-old Chinese boy suddenly crossed the road opposite the Foshing Theatre. Mr. Read had no time to pull up and the boy was knocked down and suffered injuries to his head and legs. Mr. Read took the boy to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

ONE OF THEM LYING.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday discharged two Chinese who were charged before him with the theft of three coconuts from a tree in Whitfield near the market. The Magistrate said that under the ordinance a person could not be charged with the theft of fruit unless the fruit taken from a tree was of a value exceeding 25 cents. Besides this, the evidence of the two Chinese constables who arrested the accused was contradictory in that they each pointed out a different man as the one who had ascended the tree. The Magistrate instructed the police to put both constables on report as obviously one of them was lying.

In attempting to evade arrest by an Indian constable who caught him chopping firewood, a Chinese fell down the hillside at Wongnei-chong and injured his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Two Chinese employees of the China Light and Power Company were yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries received by falling from an electric stand which they were painting at Kowloon Tong.

H.K.V.D.C.

FINES FOR NOT ATTENDING PARADE.

PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning the Adjutant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, prosecuted several members of the force for failing to pay a fine of \$25 imposed by the Commandant for inefficiency during the training year 1926-27.

Answering this charge Mr. H. H. Rose, of the P.W.D., said that he had sent in two applications to resign because he realised that pressure of work prevented him from making the required number of attendances.

Major Wolfe-Murray said he had no record of the applications having been received.

The Magistrate adjourned the case for a week to enable inquiries to be made at Headquarters to see if there was any record of Mr. Rose's applications.

Mr. A. C. Howell, of William Powe Ltd., failed to appear to answer a similar charge.

The Magistrate told the Court Sergeant to warn defendant that if he did not appear next Wednesday a warrant would be issued for his arrest.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

Mr. D. S. Hill, of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., having paid his fine, the summons was withdrawn.

Mr. G. P. Lammert, of the American Express Co., who was fined \$25, admitted the Volunteer fine had not been paid.

A number of other summonses were withdrawn, the fines having been paid.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

REFORM PROPOSALS TO BE SHELFED.

London, June 28. In view of the mixed reception of its proposals in the House of Lords, it is understood that the Government has decided to shelve at present the scheme outlined by the Lord Chancellor on June 20 and merely introduce a measure dealing with the Speaker's power as regards money Bills. Reuter.

[The Government's proposals included introducing the elective principle for peers and the nomination of a certain number of Labour members.]

CHARGE AGAINST CONSTABLE.

Mr. H. F. Loseby appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning to defend Chinese constable No. C449 who was charged with stealing some fish at Aberdeen. He applied for a formal remand, and the Magistrate fixed the hearing for 2.15 p.m. on July 5. Mr. F. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., who prosecuted, asked for substantial bail and the Magistrate fixed it in the sum of \$500 cash and a security of \$500.

GAMBLERS GAUHT.

Six Chinese men and seven women were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with playing "sangkung" at No. 51, First Street, West Point. The man who was proved to be the keeper of the gambling den was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail, while the assistant keeper was fined \$24 or 14 days. The players were fined \$4 each. The principal tenant of the house was discharged because there was no evidence to show that she had engaged in the running of the game.

SHOULD DOCTOR TELL?

Whether a doctor should tell a patient that he is dying was discussed by Dr. Stella Churchill, medical officer, West Hackney Welfare Clinic, lecturing at the Institute of Hygiene, Portland Place, W. She said:

"It is not always possible or advisable to tell the patient the truth about his condition, but I feel that it is not right to tell the patient lies when you know he cannot recover."

Dr. James Fenton, medical officer of health, Kensington, who presided, said:

"Yes, but be absolutely sure that death is inevitable before you tell the truth. Cases where death is inevitable are very few. Often when we think we are faced with such a case, there is a remarkable recovery."

An immense field of pacific activity has been opened to Industrialists, merchants, financiers, and workers of every country by reason of the profound changes caused by the war and the new aspirations and needs to which it has given rise among all peoples.—The French President.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1927.

THE CHINA MAIL.

IS THAT SO?

THOUGHTS TERSE, PERVERSE
—AND WORSE.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

I hear that the local "bookie" concern is looking for a new junior partner, the late holder of this sinecure having just gone home into well earned retirement on his share of the firm's Derby winnings.

There has been a slump in Bias Bay shares since all this talk about a shipping strike.

From yesterday's report on the Geneva Conference—"The American delegates said that things were going well.... An official communiqué says that very satisfactory progress has been made." What more do you want?

Parents again seem to be coming into what was their own. Both Betty's mother and Helen's father have turned down handsome offers for their offspring to become ten-nis pros.

Happy is the man who is too darn busy to feel sorry for himself.

There is no holding the modern young man. I see that one is reported actually to have made complaints against a local public utility company!

That inquest is certainly a leung drawn out affair.

Potted drama: At six o'clock she laid out his dress suit, and he didn't come. At twelve o'clock she laid out his pyjamas, and he didn't come. At three o'clock in the morning he came, and she laid him out.

"Chinese Passengers Subjected to Indignities," yell a "Morning Post" heading.... A new version of the Thousand and One Cuts?

"When, oh when," sighs a correspondent, "will the bus drivers learn to stop when hailed at proper places?".... Just about, I imagine, when the ferry people learn to handle the "rush hour" traffic.

The fellow who won't advertise until he can advertise in a big way usually never advertises.

All this talk about China seeing "red" is overdone. I've just been invited to a Chinese old school boys' ping pong social.

On Tuesday the "Daily Press" corrected a mistake that occurred in their cash sweep returns on Monday.... I wonder just how that mistake happened?

The writer in the "Sunday Herald" may gibe at Kowloon boarding "houses," remarks a reader, "but they're not so bad as they are painted.".... Well, then, they must be bad.

I see that another Austin seven has got its driver into trouble.

Can any good come out of Britain? Not in the opinion of a local film critic.

What are Feng's claims to the appendage of "Christian?" asks a writer in a Home paper. Wasn't Judas Iscariot once a Christian?

The only thing about relaying dance music to the Far East is that, owing to discrepancies in longitudinal time, it would arrive barely in time for breakfast, says the London "Telegraph".... All the same, there are many of us who feel the need for something with a "kick" in it first thing in the morning.

I can well believe these boasts about family skeletons now. Repulse Bay and other beaches are in full swing.

There is no truth in the rumour that a subscription list has been opened for the provision of education in respect of those members of the public who display lamentable ignorance in the matter of the impartial nature of police court procedure.

A local heading: "Hong Kong Banishes' Fate. Measles At Kowloon." Pretty drastic treatment, what?

A lantern lecture is to be given to-night on "Our Secret Enemies." It is understood that there is no connection between it and the newly instituted Sanitary Board campaign against mosquitoes.

The difference between Peak and pique amounts to anything between a couple of thousand feet and sea level.

In a warm drowsy atmosphere, with fans humming overhead, and windows wide open, but not a breath of air coming through, with only prisoner in the dock, Judge, Counsel and jury evidencing no pronounced interest in the case, a somewhat dull murder trial drew to a close.... So soliloquised the "Daily Press" this morning. Very touching, but how far is it from contempt of Court?

CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

TSIN-ANFU ANXIETY.

Japanese Residents Asking For Protection.

Peking, June 28. Japanese residents at Tsinanfu are pressing the Consul-General to bring in Japanese troops but the Japanese Legation states that at present no move is being made in this connection.—Reuter.

TIENSIN DEFENCE.

United States Force Being Increased.

Shanghai, June 28. Eight amphibian planes from New York were to-day transferred to the United States transport "Henderson" which is going to Tientsin to-morrow morning with two tanks and details bringing up the Americans in Tientsin to five thousand of all ranks.

First Contingent.

Tientsin, June 28. Five hundred U.S. Marines and five aeroplanes arrived aboard the "Chamont" last night. It is understood that General Butler with a further detachment of one thousand marines is due here shortly.—Reuter.

HOUSE RENT LEVY.

Shanghai Tenants' Union To Protest.

Shanghai, June 28. A meeting of the Shanghai Tenants' Union yesterday protested against the proposed two per cent levy on house rents by the Municipal Council from July 1.

The meeting decided that they should protest against the levy, refuse to pay the increase, and adopt "special measures" to prevent the authorities attempting to enforce payment.—Reuter.

NEWS BY MAIL.

Chiang Kai-shek and Christian General.

Shanghai, June 27. In Kuomintang circles, there seems to be considerable satisfaction with the Hsiaochou Conference. It appears that in spite of the fact that Hankow regarded the Chengchow Conference with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang as a success, Nanking equally regards the Hsiaochou Conference as a success from its standpoint. Either Hankow or Nanking is mistaken in the Christian Marshal and until military operations commence again, it is difficult for anyone to suggest which one was wrong.

The fact remains that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has apparently issued a statement to Hankow suggesting that as Comrade Borodin has already resigned, he would do well to return to Russia. A joint statement has been issued, which we are publishing herewith, by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and General Chiang Kai-shek, which gives the impression that they are working together harmoniously. All this has to do with military operations, but little reference is made to the civilian government which is to control such operations. It is not quite clear whether Marshal Feng will rule Honan, Shansi, and Kansu as an independent empire under himself, or whether these provinces will be governed by representatives from Nanking.

Yen Shih-shan's Position.

It is also not clear as to what has become of Governor Yen Shih-shan. A fortnight ago, he was acting as the agent of General Chiang Kai-shek in effecting a truce or an agreement between Nanking and the Fengtien Party. This movement has apparently collapsed, but Governor Yen is the enemy of Marshal Feng. Will he now join Fengtien?

More serious still is the question of the relationship between Marshal Feng and Soviet Russia. The documents found in the Soviet Embassy show to what an extent the Christian general is indebted to Soviet Russia; yet, now he asks the Russians to clear out. Why? Has paid his debts? If not, what effect will this effort have on the general political situation?

Again, the question is asked what will Hankow do to maintain itself. None of the Chinese politicians seem to know. They are wondering whether Hankow had suspected that the Christian General was to turn on them and whether they had taken precautions.

The statement of the Kuomin-

ting is as follows:

In addition to the stern message that was sent to the high official of the Hankow Government by General Feng Yu-hsiang as a result of the "Ching-Feng Conference" at Hsiaochou, which was published in the papers yesterday, the following circular telegram, jointly signed by General Chiang Kai-shek and General Feng Yu-hsiang and said to be drafted by General Huang Fu, the Mayor of Shanghai, was issued as a further testimony to the complete agreement between the two Nationalist commanders.

The Declaration.

The telegram reads as follows:

"For 40 years our late leader had devoted his energy to Nationalist revolution, that national sovereignty and international equality be secured for China.

"This aim was almost realized in 1911, when the Manchu Dynasty

fell and when the Republic of China was established—which, as a matter of fact, must be considered as the initial step leading to ultimate liberation of our 400,000,000 brethren.

"Yet out of the dynastic vestige which was still then evident autocratic militarism reared its head. From the date of Yuan's ascension, in alliance with foreign imperialism, it had wrought such havoc among our people that for more than a decade their existence had been vegetating between fire and water.

"Out of their intense suffering, the people came to realize by whom they have been victimized, and have, on the present occasion, given expression to their righteous indignation in popular uprising.

The Northern Campaign.

"It is in compliance with such earnest demand of the people and in perpetuating the unfulfilled with of our late leader that the Northern Punitive Expedition was launched. We Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang, in the company of our martial comrades, have not been unsuccessful in this effort; in the campaign which covered the distance of tens of thousands of miles this erstwhile formidable, militaristic robber-barons in turn met with their just desert.

"But for one day the militaristic partitions of imperialism still exist for one day, we and our martial comrades should consider that our duties remain undischarged.

"At this most critical juncture, when our armies are gathering on the Honan-Shantung border to administer the last blow in exterminating militarism, therefore, we deem it important to declare again our attitude in all sincerity to our brethren:

"That we, Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang and the tens of thousands of officers and soldiers fervent under our command, are fervent believers in the Three People's Principles.

"That in the company of the other revolutionary armies, we solemnly pledge to fight to the last man for the Three People's Principles.

"That we would not be moved by whatever temptations; would not dodge, however overwhelming be the difficulties, and would not flinch, however costly may be the sacrifice that we are called upon to make. For, we are determined to wipe out the tools of the imperialists off this fair land of ours.

"For, we are determined to bring the Nationalist Revolution to a successful conclusion.

"Be our armies the armies of the People, be our success the success of the People.

"This, we reverently address to our brethren.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK,

"FENG YU-HSIANG."

Marshal Feng's Policy.

Upon assumption of his new position under the Nationalist Government, General Feng Yu-hsiang has announced his policy as regards the administration of the province of Honan. Referring to the civil administration, he stated that it will be based upon the Three People's Principles in order that stable and responsible government may soon appear.

All military affairs within the Province will be placed under one central command. All corrupt officials are to be discharged while the finance of the Province will be re-organized to meet the changed conditions.—"North-China Daily News."

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

Capetown, June 28. The Legislative Assembly has rejected the Senate's amendments to the Flag Bill mentioned yesterday.

[The Senate adopted an amendment proposing, as a substitution for the Government's flag design, another design, consisting of the Union Jack, the old Free State flag, the Transvaal "Vierkleur," and four silver stars on a blue field representing the provinces, divided quarterly by a silver cross.]

HOME POLITICS.

London, June 28. Brixton was the thirty second by election since the general election, only one seat being uncontested.

Cambridge University. The Conservative won seventeen, Labour eleven and Liberals four. Labour gained five and lost one seat from the Conservatives and Liberals; Liberals won one and lost one from the Conservatives and the Conservatives won one from the Liberals.—Reuter.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR JUNE, 1927.

Date Sunrise Sunset

June 29 5.41 7.11

30 5.41 7.11

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Highest W.L. Lowest W.L. W.L.

Place of Observation on record on

West River at Shihlung +41.0'

North River at Teingsyu +28.7'

North River at Samshui +27.8'

East River at Sheklung +15.2'

record 27.6 28.6

0' +17.0' +16.5'

0' +0.5' rising

5' +10.2' falling

3' +4.1' falling

HISSED.

SCENE AT MOTOR AMOK TRIAL.

ACCUSED YOUTH'S TEARS.

Alfred Jones, aged 19, was remanded at the Richmond Police Court on a charge of the manslaughter of Tich Power, and Mrs. Emma Wheeler, who were killed when a stolen car ran amok.

Crowds lined the route from the police station to the Court. Many women waited for hours,

despite a heavy downpour of rain.

Jones, a boyish figure in a smartly-cut overcoat and light brown suit, was escorted by two constables.

As he passed through the lines of hissing and shouting demonstrators, he was obviously very affected. He hung his head, while tears coursed down his cheeks.

The police formally gave evidence of the arrest of Jones, who was sobbing uncontrollably.

He did not reply to the charge, but merely shook his head. A large crowd awaited his exit, and silently watched his departure.

MR. PICKWICK AGAIN

CENTENARY COACH RIDE TO ROCHESTER.

To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the "First Day's Run," described in Chapter II. of the Pickwick Papers, the members of the Pickwick Club undertook the run by stage-coach from London to Rochester in full Pickwickian dress.

The starting-point was the Golden Cross Hotel, in the Strand, from which Mr. Pickwick started.

A large crowd, which gathered to see them off in the old Commodore coach, driven by Mr. Bertram Mills, joked with Mr. Snodgrass about his poetical hair and reprimanded Mr. Tupman for his ogling of the pretty girls.

A new team of horses was obtained at Blendon, 12½ miles away, and again at Swanscombe, a further 10 miles. Punctually to the minute the coach drew up at the Town Hall, Rochester, having covered the 31 miles in 4 hours exactly. Hundreds of men from the factory lined the streets, while in front stood a long line of school boys and girls.

As the coach came to a standstill nine horses of the Bull appeared with a flagon of old ale for the thirsty travellers, who drank to the health of the Mayor and Dean of Rochester, who, together with the Corporation, appeared in the civic robes to welcome them.

Then the party moved to the dining-room of the Bull Hotel, the identical assembly-room in which the ball took place, unchanged and with the musicians' gallery and the old paintings still there. After luncheon a call was made to the Leather Bottle, at Cobham, near Gravesend, another inn connected for ever with Dickens.

DUCK DROWNS GULL.

Visitors at West Loch Tarbert, Argyllshire, saw a fight between a black-back gull, known as a sea hawk, and a wild duck. The latter was swimming down the loch with seven young ones in single file and a big gull was hovering overhead. Five times it swooped down and each time carried off a duckling.

The frenzied mother duck gathered the two remaining ducklings under its wings just as the gull made the sixth swoop.

The duck caught the gull by the neck and kept its head submerged until it was suffocated and drowned.

The duck swam away, quacking, with the remnant of her brood.

The discount market of London

remains the one and only free market for high-class commercial bills in the world.—Sir Eric Hamber.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 29—Queen's Theatre; "The

Flag Lieutenant."

June 29—World Theatre; "Partners Again."

June 29—Star Theatre; "Man and Maid."

June 29—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

An advertisement announces that the exchange banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on July 1.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Able Seaman Henry Francis Bailey, of H.M.S. "Hawkins" who died at the Naval Hospital from the effects of a poisoned foot. The body was interred, with accompanying military honours, in the Catholic Cemetery.

After half-an-hour's retirement yesterday afternoon, the jury found "not guilty" the man Leung Sang who was charged with the murder of a woman at a match at Kowloon City, on whom about eighty wounds were inflicted with a chopper. The man was accordingly discharged.

There was no business of special public interest at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Those present at the meeting were: Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. S. W. Tao, Mr. Wong Kwong-in, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works), Dr. J. C. MacGown, Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

A remarkable escape from serious injury was that of Mr. J. Chatton, of the P. & O. Bank, whose Austin 7 car toppled over the embankment at the top of Broadwood Road as its driver was bucking it to the parking place. There is a declivity of about seventy feet at this spot and the car, which struck trees and boulders as it careered madly down the slope, was totally wrecked. Fortunately, Mr. Chatton was thrown clear of the car at the top of the descent, and although he sustained many cuts and bruises none of these was serious.

Three men sitting close together in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery in the House of Commons in mail week passed a number of written messages to each other. One was in a grey suit. He was Sir Wyndham Childs. Another, dark and heavily built, wearing a dark suit, was Sir William Horwood. The third, small and dapper in a morning coat, was Colonel H. S. Turnbull, chief of the City Police, engaged in the Soviet House inquiries. They had come to listen to the Home Secretary's further statements on the raid, and while waiting for the speech, which was postponed, heard with evident interest the references to Kate Grussfeld, the notorious spy who was recently laid by the heels.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., announce that all departments will be closed on July 1 at 1 p.m. The Hong Kong Dispensary will be open on this date from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Presiding at a meeting of the London Missionary Society at Queen's Hall, the Rev. J. D. Jones said that the Indian Church could not yet be left to carry on without the European missionary, of whom there were so few, because of the lethargy of the people at home. The appalling deficit of £50,800 was evidence enough of that fact.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon of Air Mechanic E. Davis whose death at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, took place on Monday night. The funeral was attended by fellow R.A.F. men and Naval ratings, among the officers present being Capt. Elliot, Wing Commander Huskisson, Lieut. W. Woodruff, Lieut. John Lit, Abel Smith, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Robertson. The graveside service was conducted by the ship's chaplain, the Rev. F. Freeman. Wreaths were sent from the ship's company of H.M.S. and from various departments of the Fleet Air Arm.

The trustees of the National Gallery of British Art (generally known as the Tate Gallery), Grosvenor Road, Millbank, S.W., have accepted the offer of the "Daily Mail" to present to the gallery Mrs. Dod Procter's picture, "Morning," which was recently purchased by the "Daily Mail" for the nation and is now on exhibition at the Royal Academy, Burlington House. The trustees have undertaken all the details of the loaning of the picture to the large number of galleries the authorities of which have applied for it.

Blaster F. B. Walker in Shanghai announces that he has received the membership books and regalia for the Frothblowers recently enlisted. The membership books, which alone are worth the entrance fee, ever are being revised, and the latest has a page showing Edinburgh Castle and a jovial piper, with the verse:—

McEwan spurns the Whisky,

It's blawing froth on his nose,

And on his bawbee too.

On the subject of the Frothblowers, now that there are several hundred members of the joyful Order in Shanghai, it is not about time someone took steps to form a recognised Vat, so that regular meetings could be held? asks that "North China Daily News."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A Reuter cable from New York announces the death of Mr. Henry Clay Pierce, the famous financier and oil magnate.

Passengers departing for the North last night by the "President McKinley" included Mr. H. E. Pethick of the Standard Oil Co., the Rev. R. B. Blakeney of Fouchow, Mr. and Mrs. H. McClure of the Lingnam University to America, Mr. R. L. Lewis, a rubber planter of India, en route to Europe.

Mr. Will Fyffe, according to the "New York Herald Tribune," has signed a three-years contract with an American theatrical firm "at a Harry Lauder salary." He had a great run at the Palace Theatre, New York, where he sold out the house at every performance for three weeks. It is to return to New York "next fall."

The Hon. Violet Gibson, daughter of the first Lord Ashbourne, who made an attempt on the life of Signor Mussolini, has been set free by the Italian Prosecutor's Office on the ground of "irresponsibility due to a total derangement of mind." She left in charge of her sister and three English nurses, and immediately departed for England.

Another link with the old-time seafaring fraternity of the Straits is broken by the death of Capt. G. D. Wilson, who, passed away at Hull on May 4. Capt. Wilson sailed in the coasting trade for many years and was a well-known character. He retired some years ago to Hull, his native place, but kept in touch with friends here to whom the news of his death will come as a shock. He leaves a widow.

The death took place at Bandrum, near Dunfermline, of Dr. Burnett Smith, husband of the well-known novelist, Annie S. Swan. Dr. Smith retired several years ago from a lucrative practice in Worcestershire and acquired the mansion-house and estate of Bandrum, where the family had since resided. He took an active interest in the affairs of Saline village, adjoining Bandrum, and he had been for two years a member of, Fifeshire Education Authority, representing the first electoral area. He was 70 years of age.

The death has occurred at Durban, Natal, of Mr. George Hall Rennie, a well-known Aberdeen shipowner. Mr. Rennie, who was 75 years of age, was for many years head of the firm of Messrs. John T. Rennie and Son, shipowners, of Aberdeen, London, and Durban.

On the cottage at Cathkin Braes in which James Gilmour, the London Society missionary, was born there has been placed a tablet to his memory. Gilmour of Mongolia, as he is known, was a missionary from 1870 until 1891, when he died in Tientsin. The memorial has been provided largely by the young members of the Congregational churches in Glasgow and district.

Apart from numerous other claims to distinction, the King of Spain, who is now 41, is unique in one respect among living monarchs—he has resigned since the moment of his birth. He was a posthumous child, and at birth dispossessed his five-year-old sister from the throne she had held nominally at least—for six months. The circumstances of his birth make him Europe's senior ruler in length of reign. His Majesty is also the most be-titled of mortals, his subsidiary dignities totalling over seventy, and including—though King George might dispute the right—King of the West Indies, King of Gibraltar, and King of India!

Debutantes who are to make their curtsies at the first two Courts are very busy choosing their gowns, for they are not so long now and fashionable dress makers are suffering great pressure (says the "Westminster Gazette"). One confessed to me the other day that she did not really like making Court gowns and trains at all. The gowns invariably looked so much nicer without the trains, which are now of so short a length that they barely touch the ground behind, that her clients did not like the ensemble. Then there is the additional bother of complying with the regulations of length and modest decolletage and yet managing to produce a modern slim effect.

Since returning to town from Windsor, Queen Mary has found time to slip down to Kew Gardens for a few hours (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Very few of the people who were there at the time were aware of her presence, so unofficial was her visit. The Gardens are particularly beautiful just now. Though the Japanese cherry is almost over, the crab apple trees are hung with fairy bloom; the rhododendrons are alight with colour, and the famous bluebells are making clouds of beauty on the ground. It was the bluebells, I think, which persuaded the Queen to go down to Kew this week. She always pays at least one visit there while they are out, and usually more than one. This year the bluebells are particularly fine and are so well advanced that Sunday ought to be Bluebell Sunday—even if it isn't. Queen Mary's informal visits to Kew are a special delight to her.

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THE CHINA MAIL

SPORTS SECTION

SHANGHAI COMING.

Cricket Team Due In November.

HOME RECORD SMASHED.

Tennis Semi-Finals.

By "Stalwart."

I hear that Shanghai has accepted the local invitation to send a cricket team here during November, and it is probable that Singapore may have a team in the Colony at the same time. A triangular tournament would prove very interesting. A Shanghai friend, writing about the invitation, says that the news that there is to be an interport with Hong Kong after all, unless something absolutely unforeseen happens to put a spoke in present plans, will be welcomed by all Shanghai cricketers. This year Shanghai should have entertained a team from the Colony, but the time at which the team should have been here happened to coincide with the time certain Chinese were demonstrating the fervour of their nationalism by shooting up everything in sight—and it was really unfair to ask anyone from a decently governed spot such as Hong Kong to venture themselves in Shanghai at the moment. Shanghai within the barriers was all O.K.: but the outside—well, really! So the match had to be postponed. At the time there was some talk of the fixture being played off in the Autumn, but plans in Hong Kong were thought to interfere with this.

Now, an invitation has been received from the South to visit Hong Kong, and the fixture will, if possible, be played off. The question naturally arises: How many players from the Shanghai Defence Force will be allowed to represent Shanghai—should they be selected? It is understood that by agreement with the Hong Kong Cricket Club no player who is not actually attached to the garrison of any port is allowed to represent the port in any match between cities. Now the question arises: are members of the Shanghai Defence Force members of the Shanghai Garrison in the same sense as members of the Hong Kong garrison are allowed to play for Hong Kong? The general opinion here seems to be that they are not. Doubtless the question will come up for more serious consideration when the question of selections for the interport eleven looms larger than it does just now.

A fairly old standing cricket record has, I see, gone by the board. This was the series of forty-first wicket partnerships realising over a century each held by Hayward and Hobbs, which has now been topped by Sutcliffe and Holmes, the Yorkshire opening pair. The record was expected to go, as up to the end of last season the "Tykes" had compiled 38 such centuries, and they have only been batting together since 1919. The largest number of runs scored by these two in an innings of this character was 347, against Hampshire, at Portsmouth in 1920, but the crowning performance of this great Yorkshire pair was achieved last season at the Oval, in the match where Surrey won three points for a first innings' lead. In the first innings Holmes and Sutcliffe made 105 before being separated. On the closing day the figures were taken to 265, after which, with the men still together, stumps and the match were drawn. Holmes scored 127 and Sutcliffe 131. The partnership lasted two hours and twenty-five minutes.

So, after a strenuous fortnight at Wimbledon, we have come to the semi-finals. The fact that Tilden and the "Three Musketeers" of France—Lacoste, Borotra, and Cochet—are left to fight for the men's singles championship will surprise nobody. The presence of at least three of the four was a foregone conclusion. My impression is that big Bill Tilden will just walk through the French opposition. He had done it before, and recently, and means to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of a Frenchman.

The defeat of Mrs. Godfree will come as a surprise to the many who thought she was going to carry off the women's singles for another year. Miss Ryan, of America, was, however, too good for her, and played her to a standstill. Or so the cabled reports would have us believe. Miss Joan Fry's victory over

HOME CRICKET.

RAIN SPOILS MANY GAMES.

SUTCLIFFE-HOLMES RECORD.

London, June 28. Rain throughout the country spoiled most of the matches which commenced on Saturday last.

The M.C.C. drew with Cambridge University at Lords. The home team scored 295 (Hendren 67, Kidd 52) and 21 for none. Cambridge replied with 228 (Longfield 71).

No Result at Oval.

There was no result in the Surrey-Somerset match at the Oval. Somerset made 148 and Surrey 133 for six.

Trial Match Drawn.

The North v. South Test trial match, which was scented at Sheffield and not Leeds, was drawn.

The South scored 235 (Jardine 57, Chapman 70), Jupp taking six wickets for 90.

The North made 269 for no wickets. Sutcliffe got 131 and Holmes 127, this making their 41st three-figure partnerships, thus beating the Haywood-Hobbs record, which was 40 partnerships.

Rain Wins.

There was no result in the Lancashire and Derby match at Manchester. Derby had scored 28 without loss when play had to be abandoned.

Mead's Century.

Hampshire gained a first innings' victory over Northants at Southampton, scoring 347 (Boyes 50 not out, Mead 141, Newman 70).

Northants replied with 131, Kennedy taking four wickets for 40 and Newman six for 48. Following on, the visitors made 338 for nine (Timms 59, Adams 154 not out).

Match Drawn.

The Leicestershire-Warwickshire match at Leicester was drawn.

Warwick scored 193, Skelding taking five wickets for 91, and Leicester made 60 for two wickets.

Whysall Shines.

Notts gained a first innings' victory over Gloucestershire at Nottingham.

Gloucester scored 149 (Smith 55 not out), Vose taking five wickets for 36; and 11 runs for one wicket.

Notts replied with 264 for six and declared (Whysall 117 not out, Walker 52), Parker taking six wickets for 101.

Yorks Beaten.

Kent beat Yorkshire at Tottori on the first innings' play.

Kent scored 243 (Valentine 60), Jacques taking four for 99; and 10 for one.

Yorkshire made 181, Wright taking five wickets for 45 and Wooley four for 35.

Century for Holmes.

Oxford University beat Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI at Eastbourne by seven wickets.

Leveson-Gower's men made 206, Holmes taking six for 55 and 205 (Bettington 81, Clay 53).

Oxford made 154 (Newman 72 not out) and 258 for three (Holmes 136 not out).

N. Zealanders Draw.

The New Zealanders, at Broughty Ferry, Dundee, drew with the Scottish Counties.

The visitors scored 304 (Dempster 154), Anderson taking five for 82; and 103 for eight wickets, when they declared.

Hallan taking four for 31.

The Scottish Counties made 287 (Haigh 115, Wood 50), Merritt taking seven for 74; and 72 for 4.—Reuter.

Miss Nuthall must have been a bit of a surprise to the "fans" after Betty's performance again Mrs. Mallory. But Betty has a long way to go yet and plenty of time to do it in. So has Joan, who also is still in her teens. Miss Fry now meets Miss Helen Wills (whose picture you will see on this page in the semi-finals).

Is the standard of bowling better than it was before the war, or is it worse? That is a question that, at this time of year, is constantly arising. My opinion is that the bowling of to-day is certainly not as good as it was before the war, and my reasons are. (1) The present-day young boy, in the majority of cases, wishes to be a bat, and he will not take the trouble to bowl; added to which, masters in our schools do not encourage bowling like they used to in my day.

Win for Miss Fry.

Miss Fry beat Miss Nuthall 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, and meets Miss Wills in the semi-final.

BETTY DEFEATED.

LOSES TO MISS JOAN FRY AT WIMBLEDON.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS.

The centre court was packed when the Ryan-Godfree match commenced. There was a tense struggle in the first set. Mrs. Godfree displayed an impregnable backhand against a fierce bombardment and flicked Miss Ryan's drives back at an acute angle. She discounted the pace of Miss Ryan's service by clever positioning, but in the second set Ryan's persistent attack found holes in Miss Godfree's defence. The latter outdrove her opponent but netted easy returns. Miss Ryan improved in versatility, scoring every time she lobbed.

Mrs. Godfree opened with a love game in the third set and Miss Ryan took the second, the final point being a netcord shot. Miss Ryan led 2-1, 3-2, 4-3 in the eighth and went to deuce twice before Mrs. Godfree netted a simple smash in attempting too much. In the ninth Miss Ryan was twice within a point of the match, but Mrs. Godfree eventually won. She however, obviously was a beaten player and Miss Ryan had no difficulty in taking the set.

Miss Ryan's was a victory of a stubborn temperament over a more sensitive one. The American plodded through the match content to lose points to Mrs. Godfree's brilliance and won by sheer doggedness, in spite of her chop-stroke, which was a complete failure.

MISS HELEN WILLS.



Miss Wills outplayed Mrs. Peacock by the tremendous pace of her drives, but Miss Watson's terrific forehead strokes nearly surprised Senorita de Alvarez.

Lacoste won with his customary calmness, wearng down his opponent by his relentless accuracy and all-over-the-court game.

Borotra, with more interest and adroit network, though the court was slippery, repeatedly got the better of the mercurial Basque, to the amusement of the crowd.

Cochet completed the list of "Musketeer" semi-finalists by a magnificent recovery against Hunter. A thunderstorm at 3.20 interrupted play for an hour.

Betty's Defeat.

The defeat of Betty did not cause surprise, as Miss Fry is physically stronger and more mature. Her game displayed a well-equipped armoury of strokes of which the backhand was the strongest. She played safely and steadily from the first, after which she was always in the ascendant.

Miss Nuthall played a delightful all-round game and scored with well-angled shots across the court and crisp volleys. She rushed up to the net at the conclusion and congratulated Joan, who replied, "Come and have a drink." They walked to the soda fountain with arms interlocked.

In bright weather before a moderate crowd at the outside courts, Miss Ryan made a wonderful recovery in the fifth, winning from Mrs. Godfree 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the fifth round Lacoste beat Kozeluh 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Third Round Doubles.

In the third round of the men's doubles, Eames and Crole Rees beat Lacoste and Borotra 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Higgs and Lester beat Harada and Washburn 2-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Win for Spaniard.

Senorita de Alvarez beat Miss Watson 3-6, 3-6, 8-6 and meets Miss Ryan in the semi-finals.

Semi-Finalists.

Cochet beat Hunter 3-6 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Borotra beat Timmer 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

In the semi-finals Tilden will meet Cochet and Lacoste play Borotra.

Miss Wills beat Mrs. Peacock 6-3, 6-1, thus entering the semi-final.

Win for Miss Fry.

Miss Fry beat Miss Nuthall 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, and meets Miss Wills in the semi-final.

MISS HELEN WILLS.

REFUSES TO TURN TENNIS PROFESSIONAL.

Berkeley, California, June 23. Commenting on reports that a professional lawn tennis promoter was prepared to offer Helen Wills \$400,000, to turn professional, Helen's father said that Helen refused two \$10,000 offers from cinema people last year and she would do the same if offered half a million from tennis professionals.—Reuter's American Service.

LOCAL TENNIS.

Kowloon C.C. Teams.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.:

"B" team v. University on K.C.C. ground.—C. H. Atkins and D. J. Purves, W. Woodward and J. M. Jack, P. M. Pinguet and G. S. Ford.

"C" team v. Netherlands T. C. at King's Park.—C. H. Leddra and K. A. Carstenson, R. F. Strange and J. S. Smith, Geo. Lee and A. J. Kew.

THE S.C.A.A.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The South China Athletic Association of Hong Kong, at its annual election last evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Li Hysan; Vice-President, Mok Wing-yu; Chairman, Tsoi Kin-yung; Vice-Chairmen, O. W. Luke and Leung Cho-yu; Hon. Treasurer, Soo Pei-shao; Hon. Auditor, Wong Man-wah; Hon. General Secretary, Hin Wong; Hon. Assistant English Secretary, P. J. Wong; Manager, School Section, Lui Tai-po, Assistant Manager, Mok Hing; Managers and Assistant Managers of other Sections, Educational, Loo Kun-un, F. K. Wu; Social, Choy Wai-yat and Lau Pak-wai; Boy Scouts, Chak Tai-kwong and Lee Wai-tsoi; Chinese Boxing, Tuen Sing-cho; Auyang Luke, Chan Tak-chiu, Wong Kwan-lung; Track and Field, Chanson Chan, Kong Kam-chuen; Football, Kwok An-paw, J. S. Shak, Luke Chuck-fung, Chan Ssoo; Baseball, Richard Shim, K. F. June, Lee Yui-wing; Basketball, Chu Chick-fook; Tennis, Luke King-cheong, Ho Wai-hing, Mok Hing-chiu; Volley Ball, Ho Pak-ping; Bathing, Ho Yun-kwong, Yuen Chan-fai, Lee Shao-luen; Amusements, Tseng Chung-in; Music, Tse Shiu-sheung; Billiards, Yang Pak-lin, and Councillors, Yuan Yao-cho, Wai Nei-foo, Chow Tao-sang, Fong Ao-fun, Wong Ka-tsuan, Mok Tze-fung, Liao Hoi-tung, Tin Yuk-on, Lum Pui-sang, and Lum Chung-hoe.

The Wah Yan Old Boys' Union are holding a ping pong social on Sunday, July 3, at 3 p.m.

EXCHANGE.

AIRMAN'S ESCAPE.

NEARLY A DISASTER AT KARACHI.

Calcutta, June 21. Dennis Rooke, the Australian airman, narrowly escaped disaster on arrival at Karachi yesterday.

He failed to see the aerodrome seven miles from the city owing to semi-darkness and circled seeking a landing.

He finally descended on the Army cricket pitch, measuring 60 by 40 yards and surrounded by banks.

At the first attempt to land, he dropped on the centre of the pitch and, finding he could not pull in time, rose again. The second time he hit a bank and the tail of the machine was smashed.

The airman was unhurt.

The repair will take a week. As a result Rooke will now have to fly through the monsoon in India, which he hoped to escape.

He was misled by the lights of the bungalows of the Signal Corps, which he took for the lights of the aircraft depot.

Mr. Rooke set out from Croydon in a De Havilland Moth aeroplane to fly to Australia via India.

MOSCOW SHOOTING.

Moscow, June 28.

Orlov's assailant was an employee in the War Department, named Benkendorf, recently released after serving a sentence of 2½ years' imprisonment, imposed by Orlov. Benkendorf had shown signs of insanity and had been placed in an asylum. Orlov's wound is not dangerous.

[Orlov, chairman of the Moscow department of the Military Tribunal, was wounded with a revolver shot which was fired inside the Tribunal premises.]

SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



As the spring season advances the combination of black and white is more and more noted. It is of course extremely effective. In the coats of kashmir and silk, crepe and chiffon which are so smartly combined with ermine or white fox. It is equally chic and extremely sporty in the tailored suits of twill and dull finished woollens that add a white scarf for contrast. But in the frocks that are worn beneath the topcoat, the black and white combination persists with still more attention to detail.

Ensembles for afternoon wear have been developed in a variety of light weight materials, variously combined. Figured silks, usually of small patterns, fashion dresses and coats. Many long coats complete the ensemble are of solid colour crepe de chine, satin, back crepes, flat crepes, faille wool crepe or georgette crepe. One colour georgette crepe ensembles are often seen with long or short coats or three quarter length capes.

Trimmings are apt to show a marked originality, even though they be used sparingly. Belts, buckles, buttons, fringe, embroidery, pleating tucks, stitching, and every type of bow are used to create striking effects.

Ensembles consisting of a dress of printing silk with a coat in plain

colour appear very new in summer models. Variations are numerous. Occasionally the coat being of print and the dress of a solid colour silk. But dress and coat may both be of a solid colour with piping or trimmings of a printed fabric.

The ensemble mode has persisted throughout a springtime of popularity well into the summer mode. Many interesting ensembles have coats of three-quarters lengths and hang loosely. Those for sports are chosen in half or full lengths, often belted or with yokes. Coats of all lengths are seen for the afternoon formal or semi-formal coat.

Among the favoured combinations for early summer appear black and white models in all sorts of striking arrangements. Black dresses of silks, satins or georgettes are seen with satin or silk coats of black trimmed with white furs or fabrics. Black and white printed silk dresses also combine themselves strikingly with coats of black trimmed with white.

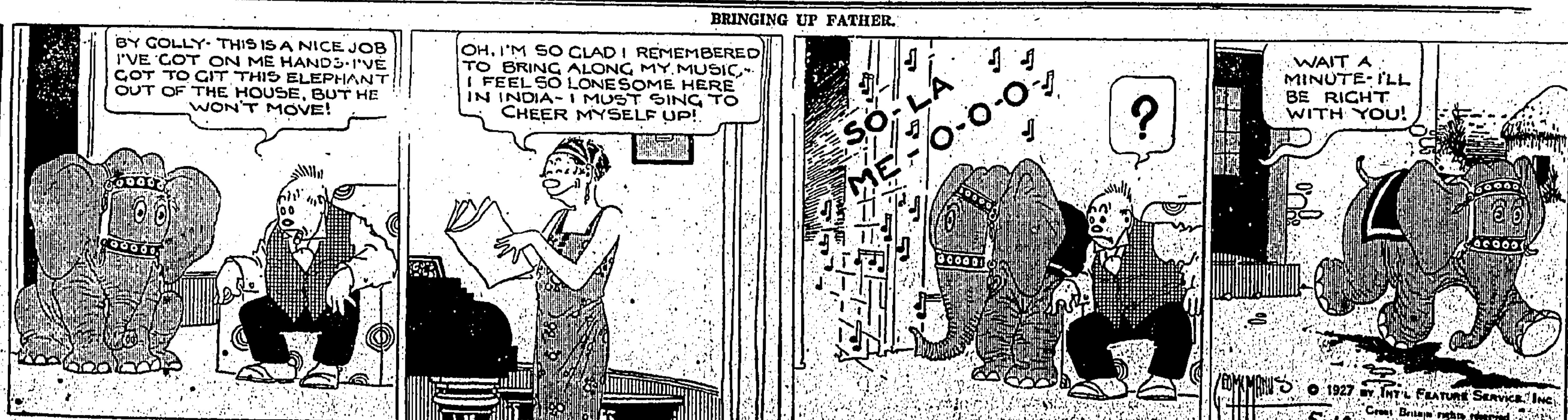
Ann Rork, seen in First National's picture, "The Prince of Head Waiters," wears a smart ensemble of black and white. It consists of a black satin coat that features a cape effect and a collar of snowy ermine. A white flower, too, decorates the shoulder. Underneath is worn a trim gown of black also smartly combined with white. A small black hat, shoes, and exquisitely beaded purse with white background complete the details of a smart ensemble.

ages of twenty and thirty—business and professional girls, all of whom believe that nowhere in London exists a Club anything like theirs. There is, in London, plenty of accommodation for women in expensive clubs, and at the other end of the scale is the hostel. St. Andrew's stands midway, and fills a need which yearly grows greater. Recently the House Committee decided on an important development. New premises have been acquired and are to be turned into a club for young men, and members of both houses will entertain one another at social gatherings under the kindly guidance of the secretary, who will act on these occasions both as hostess and chaperone. The scheme is in the nature of an experiment, and it will be interesting to see how this co-operation of a woman's club with a man's club works in actual practice. Combined amusements and excursions are to be arranged, and the two clubs will, as far as possible, run on similar lines.

There is no doubt that there are tidal periods of friend-making in every life. Eighteen is, I think, the age of spate at which the first great spring-tide of friendship comes rolling in for men and women alike. If a poll were to be taken among men as to what they considered to be the most valuable thing they had carried away with them from Oxford or Cambridge, I think that 90 per cent. would say the friendships they had made there. Their classics and philosophy they have most likely lightly shed forgotten, and never missed; their friends they have kept throughout life.

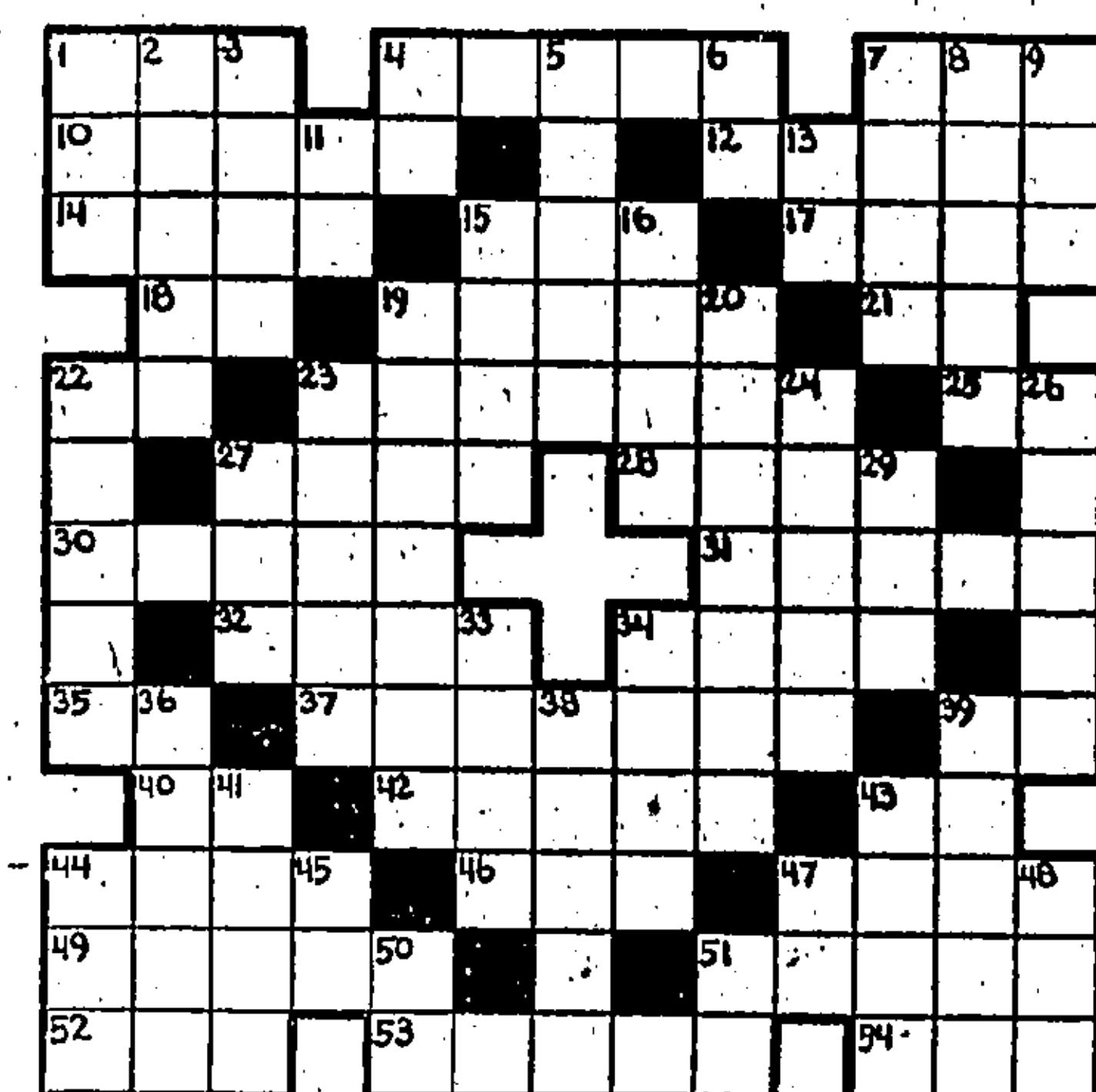
Of women I think the same is true. I cannot speak of their University life, of which I have no experience even at second-hand, but only of the conventional emergence from the schoolroom into the world at large which happened to me (and many contemporaries) quite suddenly from one day to the next. I went to bed one night

BRINGING UP FATHER.



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

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- 1-Prof. Bad
- 4-Established
- 7-Prefix. Before
- 9-Only
- 12-Offensiveness
- 14-Known facts
- 15-Turf
- 17-Inferior
- 18-Toward
- 19-Wooden prop used in coal mining
- 21-Prefix. Back-
- 22-Personal pronoun
- 23-To espouse
- 25-Thus
- 27-To scrutinize
- 28-Elddest son of Isaac (Bible)
- 30-Congregate
- 31-Tillage
- 32-Washes up, as waves
- 34-The moon
- 35-Prefix. With
- 37-Quick-tempered
- 39-Conjunction
- 40-Place (abbr.)
- 42-To waken abruptly
- 43-Argent (abbr.)
- 44-To move
- 45-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 47-A fan
- 49-Female deer (pl.)
- 51-More dreadful
- 52-Combining form
- 53-A plant-house
- 54-Exalt
- 55-Projecting wharf
- 56-Older metal
- 57-Relate metal
- 58-Characterized by rain
- 59-Not the same
- 60-Salt (Latin)
- 61-A diminutive suffix
- 62-A definite locality
- 63-To strike with the fist
- 64-Brass pot used in India
- 65-Distracted
- 66-Winged (Botany)
- 67-Three
- 68-Planters' measure (pl.)
- 69-Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 70-Deciliter (abbr.)
- 71-To stretch from side to side
- 72-To waken abruptly
- 73-Group of families (Zool.)
- 74-Soft down of scraped linen
- 75-A gentle breeze
- 76-Personal pronoun
- 77-Road (abbr.)
- 78-Prefix. Two
- 79-One of the continents (abbr.)
- 80-Day's sight (abbr.)

- 1-Prof. Bad
- 4-Established
- 7-Prefix. Before
- 9-Only
- 12-Offensiveness
- 14-Known facts
- 15-Turf
- 17-Inferior
- 18-Toward
- 19-Wooden prop used in coal mining
- 21-Prefix. Back-
- 22-Personal pronoun
- 23-To espouse
- 25-Thus
- 27-To scrutinize
- 28-Elddest son of Isaac (Bible)
- 30-Congregate
- 31-Tillage
- 32-Washes up, as waves
- 34-The moon
- 35-Prefix. With
- 37-Quick-tempered
- 39-Conjunction
- 40-Place (abbr.)
- 42-To waken abruptly
- 43-Argent (abbr.)
- 44-To move
- 45-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 47-A fan
- 49-Female deer (pl.)
- 51-More dreadful
- 52-Combining form
- 53-A plant-house
- 54-Exalt
- 55-Projecting wharf
- 56-Older metal
- 57-Relate metal
- 58-Characterized by rain
- 59-Not the same
- 60-Salt (Latin)
- 61-A diminutive suffix
- 62-A definite locality
- 63-To strike with the fist
- 64-Brass pot used in India
- 65-Distracted
- 66-Winged (Botany)
- 67-Three
- 68-Planters' measure (pl.)
- 69-Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 70-Deciliter (abbr.)
- 71-To stretch from side to side
- 72-To waken abruptly
- 73-Group of families (Zool.)
- 74-Soft down of scraped linen
- 75-A gentle breeze
- 76-Personal pronoun
- 77-Road (abbr.)
- 78-Prefix. Two
- 79-One of the continents (abbr.)
- 80-Day's sight (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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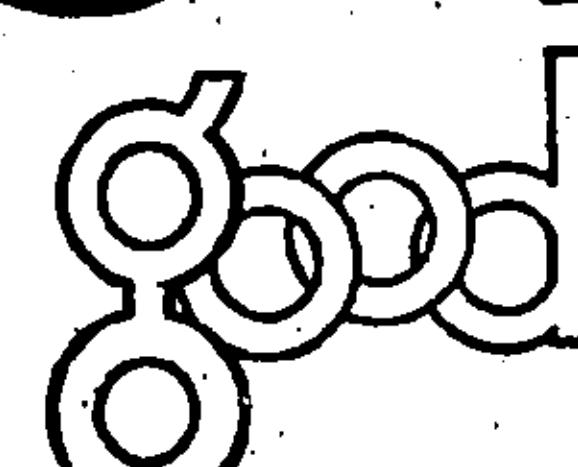
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A Nottinghamshire County branch of the National Playing Fields Association has been formed.

Mr. A. P. MacAllister has been appointed chief electrical engineer for Islington at £1,050 a year, rising to £1,250.

Valuable furs which belonged to the Russian Imperial Family are shortly to be sold publicly, says a Petrograd message.

The Soviet is about to establish a revolution museum at Ekaterinburg, where the Czar and his family were assassinated.

An anonymous friend has given £10,000 to the Victoria Children's Hospital, Hull, for further extension and development.

The South Suburban Gas Company will reduce the price of gas by 1d. a therm—from 1d. to 10d.—after the next meter reading.

On April 1, 296,887 persons were engaged in Government offices—623 more than on the same date last year, but 1,423 fewer than on January 1.

Mr. Keith Drysdale, of Buenos Aires, a member of one of the oldest British firms in the Argentine Republic, has died from injuries received in a railway accident.

At the chief constable's request, a Birkenhead magistrate, who had sentenced a boy aged 16 to a month's imprisonment for theft, altered his decision to a 10s. fine.

Probate has been granted at Winnipeg, Manitoba, of the will of the late Lady Strathcona (who left \$6,600,000), the Manitoba portion of the estate amounting to £1,720,000.

A conference in London between the employers and the shipyard unions' representatives regarding a claim for 10s. a week increase in wages for shipyard workers was adjourned.

John Parkinson, instructor to the Newcastle Light Aeroplane Club, was at Newcastle fined £12 10s. for being drunk in charge of a motor-car, dangerous driving, and failing to produce a licence.

Members of the Government party in the Hungarian Parliament formed a ring round the Premier, Count Bethlen, when Socialists tried to attack him after he had said that they were not Hungarians.

A violin made by Antonius Stradivarius (Cremona 1699) was bought for £1,600 by M. Kahn, Paris, at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's, Leicester Square, W.C.

A boy who was summoned for playing football in the streets, and wrote to Hull magistrates that he could not attend, the court as he was completing his fifth year of perfect attendance at school was bound over.

The Public Control Committee of the L.C.C. revoked the licence of Mr. Wilson Rae (trading as the Charing Cross Employment Agency) to carry on a business for the employment of hotel and restaurant staff at Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Sir William Arrol and Co., Ltd., Glasgow, have secured the contract, states Modern Transport, for the construction of a power station and boiler-house for the New Deptford West power station of the London Power Company.

During 1926 the Home Secretary granted naturalisation certificates to 1,345 aliens—1,011 males (including 456 Russians) and 334 females—and the Governments of British Possessions granted certificates to 80 males and 7 females.

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A few remains of Roman glass of the most exquisite colouring and patterns have also been found. The glass is transparent and of a bluish-green lustre, and includes the neck of a sweat-bottle.

Five more cases of small-pox among schoolchildren have been reported at Wigan, making a total of twelve.

Charges of heresy against the Rev. Richard Sonner, a Belfast Episcopalian minister, were investigated in private by a commission nominated by the Primate.

Knocked down by a motor-lorry while he was on duty at Cannon-street Station, E.C., a City policeman was removed to hospital, but his injuries are not believed to be serious.

The Ministry of Labour states that the number of registered unemployed on May 16 was 1,007,000, which was 8,709 more than a week before, but 605,744 fewer than a year ago.

The driver and six youths in a motor-lorry which was struck by a coal truck being shunted at a Grimsby fish-docks escaped uninjured, but the body of the lorry was stripped from the chassis.

Mr. John St. Lee Strachey, formerly editor of the "Spectator," who recently returned from a voyage to Africa, is seriously ill at the Chelsea house of his daughter Mrs. Williams-Ellis, the wife of an architect.

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A RECORD YEAR.

Hong Kong Amusements Profits.

CREATION OF RESERVE FUND.

A profitable year's working was reported by Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. at the sixth ordinary yearly meeting this morning when, in addition to the payment of a 20 per cent. dividend, it was indicated that \$40,000 had been put into the creation of a General Reserve.

Mr. J. M. Noronha presided (in the absence of Mr. J. H. Buckhouse, Chairman), supported by Mr. R. E. Ost, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. J. Harrop (representing Mr. Buckhouse), Mr. C. S. Rossetti (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. R. K. Butler, Lee Yu-cheung and J. T. Choy.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, owing to the absence of your chairman, Mr. Buckhouse who had to leave for home in April last under medical advice, I am privileged to address you to-day. I feel sure that I am voicing your sentiments when I say that we hope he will soon return much improved in health and continue to give his valuable advice and attention to the affairs of your Company as he has done so untiringly and laboriously for the last two years.

The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report having been in your hands for a clear week, I propose to follow the usual custom and take them as read.

A Record Year.

In doing so I will be very brief, for when things have run smoothly, explanations are not needed. In his speech last year, your chairman expressed the hope that the immediate future would yield better results. That his optimism was justified is fully proved by the report in your hands. As you will notice, the result of last year's working has been a record one since the formation of this Company. For the second time in the six years of its existence, we are able to propose a dividend of 20%, but in addition to this your directors are proposing to you also the creation of a general reserve to guard against any eventualities which might occur in these critical times and to transfer thereto the sum of \$40,000 out of the profits for the year under review.

We cannot urge upon you too strongly the wisdom of this course. In a business like ours, prudence or caution should always be our policy especially when we are favoured with a successful year. I assure you that it was only after mature consideration that your directors decided to adopt this course, and we trust that you will approve of this when you see that it is to the best interests of your Company. The more our business extends, the greater will be the call on its financial resources and it is doubtless good for your Company to be in an independent position when the necessity arises.

Bonus for Staff.

Even after making provision for this we will still be in a position to carry forward the sum of over \$32,000 which is over \$6,000 in excess of the figure brought forward from the previous year.

As in past years, we have budgeted for a bonus to be paid to the employees of your Company, as mentioned in the report. You will, I am sure, approve this practical recognition of faithful and arduous services.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after this has been duly seconded I shall be glad to move that the sum of \$40,000 be paid to the staff as they more than deserved it. He was also pleased to see that a General Reserve had been created as in these unsettled times, one never knew when a big call might be made on one's resources. It was in the best interests of the Company that they should have a good Reserve fund behind it.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Butler, Messrs. J. H. Buckhouse and Lo Shun-wan, retiring directors, were re-elected. Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 on the proposition of Mr. J. Choy seconded by Mr. Leo Yu-cheung.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Alteration of Rule.

An Extraordinary General Meeting followed the ordinary yearly

meeting, Mr. Noronha presiding and addressing the meeting as follows:

The purpose of this Extraordinary General Meeting is for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an Extraordinary Resolution.

"That Article 149 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered to read in conformity with Section 87 of the Companies Ordinances of 1911, namely:

"Questions arising at any Meeting of the Directors shall be decided by Majority of votes, in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote."

Perhaps not all of you are aware that the present Article debars the Chairman of your Company from a vote except when there would otherwise be a tie. Before Mr. Buckhouse departed on leave he expressed the hope that the Board consider this question. The Chairman of any Company is the primary responsible Director and it is felt that it is an injustice to him if he is not to have a vote. Apart from the fact that the Companies Ordinances specifically states that the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote which is usual in nearly all Companies, and in order to comply with the Companies Ordinances, we are placing before you the above Resolution for alteration of the existing article to enable the better conduct of meetings of the Directors.

I will now formally propose that the above-mentioned Resolution be passed and after this has been duly seconded, I shall be glad to receive any questions or suggestions which you may wish to put.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Harrop and carried unanimously.

AWOKE IN TIME.

THIEF CAUGHT AS HE WAS LEAVING.

Before Major Willson this morning a Chinese was charged with unlawfully returning from banishment before the period for which he had been sent away had expired; and also with theft at the Chu Wu Yoko on the first floor of Powell's Building last night. The man admitted both charges.

With regard to the theft, it appeared that on account of the heat one of the fokis of the firm decided to sleep on the landing outside, and left a window open to let in some air. The accused gained admission to the floor by this window, and while the foki slept, he relieved him of his blanket, and then searching a coat hanging on a nail on the wall, helped himself to a fountain pen, a penknife and eight cents. The foki awoke as the accused was making his get away and secured him.

For returning from banishment the accused was sentenced to eight months hard labour, and for the larceny he was given an additional month's imprisonment from the previous year.

A TOOTHACHE DANGER.

Stuffing some opium in her mouth to relieve a toothache, a Chinese woman accidentally swallowed some of the drug, and soon afterwards became very ill. She was immediately taken to the Government Civil Hospital where prompt action saved her life. Her condition is not now considered serious.

Seconder's Congratulations.

Mr. Ost, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated the General Managers and staff on the hard and productive work they had put in during the year. He was particularly pleased to see that a bonus had been paid to the staff as they more than deserved it. He was also pleased to see that a General Reserve had been created as in these unsettled times, one never knew when a big call might be made on one's resources. It was in the best interests of the Company that they should have a good Reserve fund behind it.

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